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Anti-Trust Division Office of Attorney General One Ashburton Place, 18th Floor Boston, MA 02108

Dear Attorney General Coakley,

I am writing to you regarding the recent concerns which have been brought forward to the Anti-Trust Division about Partners Health Care. I am the Community Social Worker at the Foxborough Council on Aging and Human Services as well as a resident of the town of Foxborough. I have enjoyed the benefits of the Brigham and Women's/Mass General Health Center at Foxborough and Partners Health Care group both professionally and personally.

As the Community Social Worker, it is wonderful to have such a high quality, comprehensive medical center right in our town. Our residents of all ages, income levels, and backgrounds have easy access to the type of medical care which formerly was not available to them locally. Working with individuals and families with financial needs, I have seen the benefits of these offerings which previously would have been 'out of reach' both physically and financially to this population. Having physicians and other allied medical personnel which have been trained and work in a teaching hospital setting, provides a level of medical care to our residents without the expense and time involved in traveling into Boston when the medical needs have surpassed the abilities of the local community hospitals.

I strongly urge you to consider maintaining and encouraging some of the finest medical care in our nation to continue to be available in our local communities.

Sincerely,

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